

CANCERVAX CORP  
Form 425  
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**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, DC 20549  
FORM 8-K  
CURRENT REPORT  
Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the  
Securities Exchange Act of 1934  
Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): April 25, 2006  
CANCERVAX CORPORATION  
(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)**

<b>Delaware</b> (State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)	<b>0-50440</b> (Commission File Number)	<b>52-2243564</b> (IRS Employer Identification No.)
<b>2110 Rutherford Road, Carlsbad, CA</b> (Address of Principal Executive Offices)		<b>92008</b> (Zip Code)
Registrant's telephone number, including area code: <b>(760) 494-4200</b>		

(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report.)

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**Item 1.01. Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement.**

***Sublease Agreement with Genoptix, Inc.***

On April 26, 2006, the Company entered into a sublease agreement (the *Sublease Agreement* ) with Genoptix, Inc., a Delaware corporation, pursuant to which Genoptix will sublease 46,527 rentable square feet of the 61,618 rentable square feet currently leased by CancerVax at 2110 Rutherford Road, Carlsbad, California (the *Premises* ). The term of the *Sublease Agreement* will commence on May 1, 2006 and will expire on June 30, 2012. Under the terms of the *Sublease Agreement*, Genoptix will pay monthly rent of \$81,422.25 for the period August 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007, after which the monthly base rent will increase incrementally on an annual basis, reaching a maximum monthly rent of \$94,390.70 for the period July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012. Genoptix will also be required to pay to CancerVax its pro rata share of all expenses incurred in the operation or maintenance of the *Premises*. Under the *Sublease Agreement*, Genoptix will not be required to pay rent for the months of May, June and July of 2006. The foregoing description of the *Sublease Agreement* does not purport to be complete and is qualified in its entirety by reference to the full text of the *Sublease Agreement*. A copy of the *Sublease Agreement* is attached hereto as Exhibit 10.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

***Consultant Agreements***

On April 26, 2006, in connection with the voluntary terminations of William R. LaRue as Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of CancerVax Corporation (the *Company* ) (effective June 1, 2006) and Hazel M. Aker as Senior Vice President and General Counsel of the *Company* (effective upon the closing of the merger with Micromet AG), the *Company* entered into a consultant agreement with Mr. LaRue (the *LaRue Agreement* ) and a consultant agreement with Ms. Aker (the *Aker Agreement* ) (collectively, the *Consultant Agreements* ). The term of the *LaRue Agreement* will commence on June 1, 2006 and will terminate on August 15, 2006. The term of the *Aker Agreement* will commence on May 6, 2006 and will terminate on August 15, 2006.

The *LaRue Agreement* provides for payment of a consulting fee of \$50,000 to Mr. LaRue on August 15, 2006 in exchange for services related to the review and facilitation of the filing of the Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q to be filed by the *Company* with respect to the fiscal quarter ending June 30, 2006, to review financial statements and meet with the audit committee, to facilitate the disclosure of the *Company*'s financial results for the second quarter of 2006 and to consult regarding post-merger activities. The *Aker Agreement* provides for payment of a consulting fee of \$50,000 to Ms. Aker on August 15, 2006 in exchange for services related to the review and facilitation of the filing of the Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q to be filed by the *Company* with respect to the fiscal quarters ending March 31, 2006 and June 30, 2006, to facilitate the disclosure of the *Company*'s financial results for the second quarter of 2006 and to consult regarding post-merger activities.

The foregoing description of the *Consultant Agreements* does not purport to be complete and is qualified in its entirety by reference to the full text of the *Consultant Agreements*. A copy of the *LaRue Agreement* is attached hereto as Exhibit 10.2 and a copy of the *Aker Agreement* is attached hereto as Exhibit 10.3 and each is incorporated herein by reference.

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**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(c) Exhibits.

<b>Exhibit No.</b>	<b>Description</b>
10.1	Sublease Agreement, dated as of April 26, 2006, by and between CancerVax Corporation and Genoptix, Inc.
10.2	Consultant Agreement, dated as of April 26, 2006, by and between CancerVax Corporation and William R. LaRue.
10.3	Consultant Agreement, dated as of April 26, 2006, by and between CancerVax Corporation and Hazel M. Aker.

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Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

CANCERVAX CORPORATION

Date: May 1, 2006

By: /s/ David F. Hale

Name: David F. Hale

Title: President and Chief Executive Officer

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